

## Rhodesian government will listen to British, U.S. envoys

SALISBURY, April 4 (R). — British and American emissaries, striving to put together an overall peace plan for Rhodesia, will be given a hearing by the country's new multi-racial coalition government when they arrive here towards the end of this week, an administration spokesman said today. But the members of the Supreme Executive Council — white Premier Ian Smith and nationalist leaders Bishop Abel Muzorewa, the Rev. Ndabaningi Sithole and Chief Jeremiah Chirau — said there could be no question of renegotiating the black majority rule agreement they signed last month.

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## Soviets back PLO in S. Lebanon

BEIRUT, April 4 (R). — The Soviet Union has pledged full support for Palestinian commandos who refuse to turn over their positions in southern Lebanon to United Nations troops, senior diplomatic sources said here today. The sources, in close touch with Soviet foreign policy, said the Kremlin had assured leaders of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) of backing for the guerrillas' refusal to allow U.N. troops to occupy Palestinian positions. According to the sources, the Russians share the PLO's suspicions about the American-sponsored U.N. Security Council resolution on the establishment of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL).

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## Some problems still open after Carter's tour of Third World

WASHINGTON, April 4 (R). — President Carter was back in Washington today after a week-long trip to Latin America and Africa that achieved some notable successes but left several sensitive problems unresolved. Mr. Carter visited Venezuela, Brazil, Nigeria and Liberia during the second stage of an international tour aimed at improving U.S. relations with underdeveloped countries of the Third World. His experiences were varied, ranging from Venezuelan exuberance over his presence to a frosty reception in Nigeria over the first state visit by a U.S. president to black Africa. His discussions covered virtually the entire range of problems the United States is trying to overcome — human rights violations, nuclear proliferation, rising oil prices, recession, and white minority rule in Southern Africa. The president did not escape criticism, even in countries friendly to the United States and him personally.

### Capitulated

This was notable in Venezuela, where President Carlos Andres Perez did not hesitate to speak out against aspects of U.S. policy he disliked. Senior Perez is a staunch supporter of Mr. Carter's campaign to expand human rights and to stop nuclear proliferation. But he chastised the U.S. for what he called talk about debt and a lack of official will to narrow the gap between rich and poor nations. Mr. Carter told his host that was difficult to find solutions to complex problems. Mr. Carter's visit to Brazil

turned out to be a little less complicated than the anger of Brazil's military government over U.S. criticism of its human rights record had led observers to predict.

Brazil had also taken grave offence when President Carter opposed its planned purchase of nuclear reactors and a nuclear reprocessing plant from West Germany.

Mr. Carter went out of his way during his visit to say that Brazil's human rights record was improving and that he wanted to reaffirm the traditionally strong ties between Brazil and the United States.

"I think the result of the Brazilian trip was more than we expected," he told reporters.

But U.S. officials said tensions between the two countries were still evident although the president's personal contact with Gen. Geisel was thought to have been useful. The nuclear issue was left totally unresolved.

In Nigeria, the head of state, Gen. Olusegun Obasanjo, stressed how a new relationship had been established with the United States following a long period of hostility.

The president made a speech in Lagos strongly opposing white minority government in Southern Africa and pledging efforts to bring about black majority rule in Rhodesia and Namibia (South West Africa).

On South Africa, he and Gen. Obasanjo said they were determined to eradicate "the evil and oppressive system of apartheid."

Mr. Carter also warned South Africa that its relations with the United States would run into new difficulties unless it moved towards a genuine and internationally accepted arrangement for black majority rule in Namibia.

## Premier Badran arrives in Benghazi

BENGHAZI, April 4 (Agencies) — Prime Minister Mudar Badran arrived here today at the start of a three day official visit to the Libyan Jamahiriyah at the invitation of the First Secretary of the General People's Committee Abdul Ali Al Abeldi.

Mr. Badran, accompanied by Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hassan Ibrahim and the premier's Press Secretary Hisham Qussous, was met at Benina Airport by Mr. Abeldi and Libyan Foreign Minister Dr. Ali Turekhi and senior Libyan officials.

In an arrival statement Mr. Badran said it pleased him to arrive in Libya and that he was "convinced this visit will herald stronger relations not only between the Jamahiriyah and Jordan but between Arab countries at large."

Mr. Badran is the first Jordanian prime minister ever to visit Libya. He carries a personal message from His Majesty King Hussein to the Libyan head of state Col. Muammar Qadhafi. The contents of the message were not disclosed but informed sources in Amman said King Hussein is seeking to further normalise relations with Libya. Libya and Jordan resumed diplomatic relations only



Premier Mudar Badran, accompanied by Libya's Ali Abeldi (far right), greets Libyan officers and officials upon arrival at Benghazi's Benina airport Tuesday. (JNA photo)

last November after a break in diplomatic ties in 1971. Libya also suspended a \$20 million annual subsidy to Jordan in 1971 and officials in Amman hope this will be resumed.

## U.S. officers discuss rebuilding Lebanese regular army in Beirut

BEIRUT, Lebanon April 4 (Agencies) — A five-man team of U.S. military officers began talks here today on means of rebuilding Lebanon's regular army to help U.N. peace troops disengage invading Israeli forces and Palestinian guerrillas in south Lebanon.

The group, which arrived Sunday, met with Foreign and Defence Minister Fuad Boutros. A Defence Ministry spokesman here said the talks were designed to determine how \$100 million dollars worth of American arms would be used to re-equip the Lebanese army.

The 18,000-man army disintegrated during the nation's 1975-1976 civil war. The U.S. government pledged the three-year military assistance programme during a visit here by Secretary of State Cyrus Vance last year. Plans to regroup the dismembered army were speeded up

after Israel's invasion of south Lebanon March 15.

Finnish Maj.-Gen. Ensio Silasvuo flew to Beirut for talks on deployment of UNIFIL forces along the Litani river that forms the borderline of the 1,250 sq. kms. Israel seized in south Lebanon.

Israel sought the captured salient to serve as a guerrilla-free security belt along its northern flank in exchange for a pullout from the south.

### Clash

Israeli forces and Palestinian commandos clashed near Tyre today shortly after the arrival of the commander of UNIFIL.

The force commander, Maj.-Gen. Emmanuel Erskine, had come to inspect French troops stationed in the region.

The clash took place in the Deir Qanoun area, about five kms. south of this port town. There were no reports of casualties or damage in an intermittent exchange of automatic weapons which lasted about one hour, Israeli planes flew over the area several times.

General Erskine made no comment to reporters.

### Thinning out

Israel has begun thinning out its forces in southern Lebanon, the army announced in Tel Aviv last night.

The spokesman said that Israeli forces had begun, a week ago, what he called a significant thinning out of troops from the area, into which they moved last month to attack Palestine guerrilla strongholds.

He said the withdrawal timetable was being coordinated with Lt.-Gen. Silasvuo. A preliminary proposal has already been transmitted to him, the spokesman said.

He said the plan for Israel's pull-back from southern Lebanon would be published only after details had been worked out with the U.N.

Only about one-quarter of the 4,000-strong United Nations force has so far moved into place along and south of the Litani river.

Israel has said it will withdraw its forces when the UNIFIL is in place and can prevent the infiltration of armed Palestinians into the south Lebanon region occupied by Israel.

Mexico, Nepal and Senegal pledged to send contingents and U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim expects the peace force to reach 3,000 early next week.

Iraq was reported to have agreed to pull out an estimated 400 volunteers it sent to help guerrillas against the Israeli invasion.

Former Lebanese Premier Talsidie Solh announced the Iraqi decision after a meeting here with the Iraqi ambassador. Solh said the move was meant to defuse tension and help accelerate Israel's withdrawal.

## Accused found guilty, sentenced to death for murder of Sibai

NICOSIA, April 4 (R). — A Cyprus court today sentenced two Palestinians to hang for shooting dead a close friend of Egypt's President Sadat at the Nicosia Hilton hotel, the incident which led to the abortive Egyptian commando raid on Larnaca airport. Found guilty today of the Feb. 18 murder of Mr. Youssef Sibai, editor of Al Ahram, were Samir Mohammad Khadar, 28, and Sayid Hussein Ali, 26.

Stringent security was in force and four jeeps of heavily-armed police escorted the two men to the court.

An execution date of June 1 was set by Mr. Justice Demetriades, president of the three-man Special Assizes, who said the motive for murder was that Mr. Sibai was held to have harmed the Palestinian cause.

The defence said it would appeal.

The two men had pleaded not guilty to murder, although they admitted taking hostages and commandeering a Cyprus Airways DC-8 plane after the hotel lobby shooting.

They were arrested after a battle on the tarmac when Egyptian commandos tried to storm the plane the day after the murder.

### Flaw with hostages

With 11 hostages and four crew, the two Palestinians had flown to Djibouti in a vain search for refuge then returned to Larnaca. The Egyptians lost 15 dead in the raid, which was opposed by the Cypriot National Guard.

The death penalty is mandatory in Cyprus for premeditated murder, of which Khadar and Ali were found guilty today.

But in 15 years nobody has been hanged here. The president may commute death sentences.

Asked if he had anything to say before sentence was passed, Khadar who has a Jordanian passport, declared: "I am innocent. I did not kill Sibai."

### Beyond reasonable doubt

All who has Kuwaiti papers, said: "I am not guilty. I am not responsible for the killing of Sibai."

Mr. Justice Demetriades, the Chief Judge, said the prosecution had proved its case beyond any reasonable doubt.

"This leaves no room for doubt in our minds that the two accused killed Sibai in the execution of their well-prepared and preconceived plan," he said.

He said Khadar had made "spontaneous and voluntary statements" to a number of the people he and Ali took hostage.

"It was clear that his motive was his belief that Mr. Sibai had harmed the Palestinian cause."

"It was safe to conclude that it was also the motive of Ali since they had worked out a common plan and executed Mr. Sibai together."

"It had not been established which of the two had fired the three shots from a Soviet designed Tokarev automatic pistol which killed Mr. Sibai, but each had his role in the plan."

"It matters not, therefore, which one of the accused actually pulled the trigger," the judge said.

Referring to the defence argument that there was no direct evidence of a common plan to kill Mr. Sibai, Mr. Justice Demetriades said such direct evidence was very rare.

"Usually, as in this case, it was a matter of inference from the acts of the accused and the facts proved before the court."

Referring to their failure to take witness stand — both made unsworn statements from the dock — the judge said: "In the circumstances this failure to give evidence in their own defence is a factor related to the issue of their guilt."

## Ceausescu tells Dayan Israel should pull out of occupied territory

BUCHAREST, April 4 (R). — President Nicolae Ceausescu told Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan today that Israel should pull out of occupied Arab lands as part of a Middle East peace settlement.

The only Soviet bloc government chief to support direct Egyptian-Israeli negotiations, the Romanian leader said a peace accord "should take into consideration the interests of all the peoples of the Middle East."

President Ceausescu conferred for several hours with Mr. Dayan in their second meeting in two days. Mr. Dayan is on a three day visit here to explain Israel's negotiating position.

The government-run Romanian news agency Agerpres said Mr. Ceausescu called for continuing negotiations for a "comprehensive political settlement."

This should lead to withdrawal of Israeli forces from all Arab territories occupied in the 1967 Middle East war, and should provide recognition for the integrity and security of all states in the area, he told Mr. Dayan.

### Viable solutions

Mr. Ceausescu urged that all sides concerned should strive for "viable solutions" in accordance with an equitable and lasting peace, Agerpres said.

Romanian officials described the discussions as cordial. Israeli diplomats, who declined to give details of the meeting, said the atmosphere was "very good."

Romanian Foreign Minister Stefan Andrei, Mr. Dayan's official host, attended the talks, but the discussion was mainly led by Mr. Ceausescu, officials said. Mr. Dayan leaves here tomorrow.

The Romanian president, who goes to Washington on a goodwill visit next week, was reported keen to offer Romania's diplomatic services in the search for a Middle East agreement.

## World News Roundup ...

### Egyptian U.N. officials home firebombed

ORTH Tarrytown, New York, April 4 (AP). — The home of Egyptian United Nations officials was firebombed early today by a Westchester County community. Police said there were injuries and damage was slight.

### British Communist employee injured

LONDON, April 4 (AP). — An employee at the Communist Party headquarters here was injured when a parcel bomb exploded at a Labour Union office was evacuated when a second bomb was found in the morning mail, Scotland Yard said today. Police issued an urgent warning to the public to beware of paper-wrapped packages measuring six by four inches and began trying to trace the two bombs.

### Turkey ready to review Cyprus line

ANKARA, April 4 (R). — Turkey is ready to review "within reasonable limits" the dividing line between the Turkish and Greek communities in partitioned Cyprus, Turkish Premier Bulent Ecevit said today. But he stressed that it would take time to achieve freedom of movement across the line established by Turkey's invasion of the island in 1974. Stalled peace talks between Greek and Turkish Cypriot leaders are expected to resume later this month.

### South African police wound 6 blacks

MIDDELSBURG, South Africa, April 4 (AP). — Police shot and wounded six blacks during a demonstration by a crowd of about 1,500 blacks protesting rent increases Monday, police reported today. Tear gas was used to disperse the crowd who were throwing stones at passing cars. Officers on the scene fired 21 buckshot shells at the crowd and injured four adults and two youths, police said.

### Woman photographer held by Israelis

MEXICO CITY, April 4 (AP). — A Japanese woman photographer said she was arrested inside the Israeli Embassy in Mexico City recently, blindfolded and taken to an unidentified place for two days of questioning before she was released without explanation. "They asked me where I had put the bomb and I told them that I had no bomb. Then they asked me more questions," said 60-year-old Mukiko Yamamoto, a correspondent-photographer for World Photo Press of Tokyo, in an interview Monday.

### Red Brigades stay in cells

TURIN, Italy, April 4 (AP). — Red Brigades Chief Renato Curcio and 11 of his comrades boycotted their trial today but sent three defendants to court as "observers" to hear charges read against all 15. The Red Brigades members, leftist urban guerrillas accused of forming an armed gang to overthrow the state, have repeatedly protested the trial by refusing to leave their jail cells and come to court.

### Iran demos "prove Shah is not a dictator"

VIENNA, April 4 (R). — Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Ali Khatibani said today recent anti-government rioting in his country demonstrated that the Shah of Iran was not a dictator. Speaking to reporters shortly after arriving on a four-day official visit to Austria, Mr. Khatibani said there would have been no demonstrations if Iran were a dictatorship. He blamed the attacks on rightwing extremists and religious fanatics opposed to the government's liberalisation programme.

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## Anti-Zionist Jews to ask Jordan for protection

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The ultra-orthodox and fundamentalist Neturei Karta sect said a three-man delegation would visit Amman this month during the Passover festival.

They would ask King Hussein to declare the Meah She'arim quarter of Western Jerusalem where they have homes "a Jordanian settlement in Israeli-occupied territory," the sect told reporters. About 300 families belong to it.

Neturei Karta does not recognise the secular state of Israel and regards its creation as an act of sacrilege.

A similar delegation visited King Hussein's great grandfather King Hussein Ibn Ali in 1924 asking for protection against "Zionist invaders."

The sect said it would ask King Hussein for permission to pray at the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem which it recognises as belonging to Jordan.

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## A good show, Vanessa

Zionists do not like being called hoodlums, because they do not like being confronted with the truth, and so it is doubly gratifying to see someone like the British actress Vanessa Redgrave accept her Academy Award and then go on to use the word "hoodlums" to describe the group of Zionist demonstrators who were protesting her backing for a film that portrays the Palestinians sympathetically. Miss Redgrave is correct. Zionism, as it has been implemented in Palestine, is based on the same principles of hoodlumanism and violence that characterise any criminal element. The story of Israel is the story of theft, deceit and enormous physical and intellectual terror. But because of the double standard that Zionism's political blackmail has imposed throughout the world, one is not allowed to stand up and tell the truth. But that is what Vanessa Redgrave did in calling the demonstrators hoodlums, and if her controversial act will get more people to thinking about the parallels between professional criminals and professional Zionists, then she should get the thanks of the entire world, and not only an Oscar award for being a gifted actress.

It is quite extraordinary that some people in the audience of the Oscars ceremony would actually boo Miss Redgrave for receiving her award. One has to wonder about the true state of Western societies when this sort of mass terror can be inflicted upon individuals by the forces of Zionism. What of this vaunted cultural and political freedom one hears of so often? Because Vanessa Redgrave has so calmly punctured the balloon of Zionist lies about the Palestinians, is she then to be subjected to the public onslaught of the Zionist forces of destruction? Will her movies now be picketed? Will cinema houses now be approached by Zionist groups threatening boycotts if they show her films? Will Zionism now only confirm what she has said about Zionism, that it is the work of hoodlums? Not only is Vanessa Redgrave a good actress; she is also very accurate in her descriptions of people.

## ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Under the heading "Jordan's movement" AL RAI editorially said Tuesday that the cabinet meeting Monday under His Majesty King Hussein comes at one of the most critical stages the Middle East has undergone.

In the course of its lengthy session the cabinet discussed the current situation, the responsibility for building Arab solidarity, regulating joint Arab action and shouldering urgent duties which should be borne by the Arabs to defend their rights, security and national integrity, the paper says.

It adds that Prime Minister Mudar Badran's visit to the Libyan Jamahiriyah fits within the context of these moves to bolster Arab solidarity and joint Arab action in which Jordan has always believed in.

AL DUSTOUR analyses the meaning of the recent big demonstration in Tel Aviv by the so-called Movement for Peace Now which was organised by Israeli reservist officers.

The newspaper says the movement by the army reservists indicates that a large segment of the men in Israel's army and part of the mainstream of Israeli society are not convinced of the soundness of their government's present policy. At the same time, the newspaper adds, the movement's taking to the streets to express itself means that a new "inter-action" is taking place on the Israeli scene which "might create an organisation or a new party opposed to Menachem Begin's policy on peace."

Such interaction refutes the Israeli prime minister's allegations that Israeli public opinion as a whole is standing behind him.

However, it is premature to fully assess the political trends within this movement because up to now it has not defined its attitude towards the right of Palestinians to determine their own future or towards the question of Israel's withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories despite its call for "territorial concessions". Al Dusour says.

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# National News Roundup

## Agriculture symposium opened by Crown Prince

KARAK, April 4 (JNA). — His Highness Crown Prince Hassan today opened a two day symposium on agriculture at the town of Rabbah in the Karak governorate. In a speech to the participants, the Crown Prince urged both farmers and officials to exert more efforts with a view to increasing agricultural production in the governorate. Also speaking during today's session were the Minister of Agriculture Salah Jum'a and the Governor of Karak, Ahmad Al Qur'an. Later the director of the agriculture department in Karak presented a working paper to be discussed by the participants. This deals with ways to improve agriculture and to promote the raising of domestic animals. His Highness also toured a number of villages in the Karak governorate where he met with citizens and reviewed their needs. In a speech to the villagers His Highness stressed the importance of agriculture and called on them to cooperate in order to improve their products.

## Jordanian-Syrian pharmacists meet

AMMAN, April 4 (JNA). — The pharmacists associations in Jordan and Syria held a joint meeting in Amman early this week to discuss a number of matters of mutual concern. Among subjects discussed were conditions of pharmacists in the occupied Arab territories and ways of countering Israeli pressure on pharmacists there. They also discussed coordinating the Arab pharmacists position during meetings of the World Union of Pharmacists.

## Pakistani army chief visits Martyr's Monument

AMMAN, April 4 (JNA). — The Chief of Staff of the Pakistani Army (Land Forces), Gen. Sadeq Rasheed Abbasi and the accompanying military delegation this evening paid a visit to the Martyrs' Monument near Sports City. They were received by the commander of Hussein Ibn Ali brigade and top-ranking officers. General Abbasi and the delegation, who arrived in Amman Monday on a several-day official visit to Jordan, will meet with top army officers and tour military institutions and army positions.

## Preparatory meet on womens seminar to be held here

AMMAN, April 4 (JNA). — A preparatory conference will meet in Amman on April 15 for the Middle East Regional Seminar on Women which will be held here late in May. Minister of Labour Isam Al Ajlouni said that during the five-day preparatory conference interested international experts will work out the outlines for the seminar.

## New medical centre opened in Qumeim

IRBID, April 4 (JNA). — The health department in Irbid today opened a new medical centre at the town of Qumeim in the Irbid governorate to offer services to the town as well as three nearby villages. The new centre has a staff of one resident doctor, one assistant pharmacist and a number of male and female nurses.

## New magazine given the go-ahead

AMMAN, April 4 (JNA). — The Cabinet today approved an application by the Amman Municipality to publish a periodical by the name of "Amman". The magazine will handle activities in the Amman municipal area.

## Social Work Day observed

AMMAN, April 4 (JNA). — Wednesday is Social Work Day in Jordan. On this occasion the Social Service Institute will organise cultural, social and recreation programmes for internees of social institutions and societies in the Amman and Belqa governorates. April 15 was agreed upon as social work day by a seminar of the voluntary social associations which met under the patronage of Crown Prince Hassan in Amman late last year.

## Land and water agreement signed

AMMAN, April 4 (JNA). — An agreement was signed at the Ministry of Agriculture here yesterday between Jordan and the Regional Commission on Land and Water Use in the Near East of the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO). Under the agreement the programme will, among other things, back efforts being made to solve drainage problems in the Jordan Valley and other irrigated areas through a training programme and symposiums in and outside the region. The accord was signed for Jordan by Minister of Agriculture Salah Jum'a and for the regional programme by its director Dhari Al Hardan. Mr. Hardan, whose office is in Baghdad, and Abdullah 'Ar'ar, the regional councillor for land and water in the FAO Regional Office have for the past two days been discussing with officials of the Ministry of Agriculture, the Jordan Valley Authority and Faculty of Agriculture at the University of Jordan on cooperation between Jordan and the programme in the field of land and water utilisation.

## Doudin, Khalifah named ambassadors

AMMAN, April 4 (JNA). — The Cabinet has appointed Marwan Doudin and Hani Khalifah ambassadors at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as of April 18. The Cabinet also retired Mr. Mureiweh Tal, and appointed Hikmat Saket as head of the Civil Service Commission, and Ahmad 'Aqaileh was appointed under-secretary of the Ministry of Education to replace Mr. Saket as of April 18.

## WHAT'S GOING ON

### Book Exhibition

The exhibition of books on fine arts continues today at the University of Jordan Library. The exhibition is on for one week ending Saturday.

### Pop Concert

The Boney M. pop group is giving a concert tonight at the Palace of Culture at 8:30 p.m. The performance is for one night only.

# Economic and Business News

## Yarmouk completes negotiations with Japanese Co.

IRBID, April 4 (JNA). — Yarmouk University planners have completed negotiations with Kanzo Tange, a Japanese consulting firm, on a plan for the construction of the second phase of the university building, the Director of the Engineering offices at the university, Ra'ef Nijem, said today. He said the general plan will be ready by early next month. The plan, he said, includes details for the construction of the academic buildings in accordance with the given specifications.

## Money orders from Jordanians abroad increase

AMMAN, April 4 (JNA). — Money orders arriving from Jordanians working abroad through the banking system during last February increased by 6.3 per cent over the same month in 1977, a source at the Central Bank of Jordan said today. The source said that the value of Jordanian expatriates money orders during February 1978 amounted to JD 7,260,000 against JD 6,827,000 during the same month last year.

## Supply ministry asks for factory price tags

AMMAN, April 4 (JNA). — The Ministry of Supply has asked the Amman Chamber of Industry to circulate strict orders to local factories to place price tags on their products for the benefit of consumers. The instructions will be effective as of May 1, and employees from the Ministry of Supply will carry out inspection tours in May to make sure that factories are abiding by these instructions.

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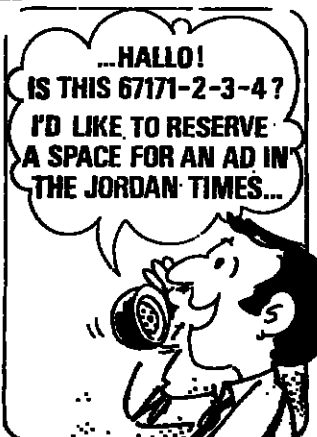
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# Damas - Scene

Compiled for the Jordan Times by Pat McDonnell

(Week of April 4 to April 11)

## EXHIBITIONS

TUESDAY April 4 through April 21: "Free Energy", a photo documentation on new ways to produce energy through wind, solar and geothermal sources. French Cultural Centre daily 4:30-6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY April 8: Opening of a 10-day show featuring Seven Young Artists of Raqqa. Al Sha'b Gallery. All works are a medium of oil by promising young painters under 25. Hours: a.m.-2 p.m., 5 p.m.-8 p.m., Saturday through Thursday.

PHOTO EXHIBITION: "On the Day They Invaded Space."

## LECTURES

WEDNESDAY April 5: "The Woman in the Thousand and One Nights." Prof. Charles Vial of the University de Aix Marseille. The concept of women in classical Arabic literature.

THURSDAY April 6: Prof. Werner Lotze, assistant director of the Technical University of Dresden, will lecture on "The Cooperation between the University of Damascus and the Technical University of Dresden." 8:30 p.m. DDR Cultural Centre.

THURSDAY April 6: Disque Commentaires featuring the music of Claude Debussy by Louis Peraudin. 7:30 p.m. French Cultural Centre.

THURSDAY April 6: "The Music of Steben Razin and the poetry of Yevushenko." 6 p.m. Soviet Cultural Centre, followed by a programme of Tschakovsky compositions by Dr. Samir.

FRIDAY April 7: Selma Laham, writer and president of the Social Section, Palestine Liberation Army, will discuss Palestinian issues. 6 p.m. Soviet Cultural Centre.

MONDAY April 10: Prof. Abdullah Al Hussein, Kuwaiti

Ambassador to Syria, will discuss Arabic poetry at 6 p.m., Arab Cultural Centre.

MONDAY April 10: "The Works of Armenian Writer, Shashinian, on her 90th Birthday." 6 p.m. Soviet Cultural Centre.

## THEATRE

Wednesday April 5: "The Magic of German Magician von Wilke." Curtain time: 8:30 p.m. Al Hamra Theatre.

THURSDAY April 6: Premiere of a Festival of Drama by the Theatre Arts Department, University of Damascus, nightly at 8:30 through April 25. Al Hamra Theatre. Opening performance to be announced.

## MOVIES

Week of French films sponsored by the French Cultural Centre at Cinema Kindi, Rue Mutanabbat. Performances: 3:30, 6:30, 9:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY April 5: "La Griffe et la Dent."

THURSDAY April 6: "La Mort d'un Guide."

FRIDAY April 7: "Lily, Aime Moi."

SATURDAY April 8: "La Communion Solennelle."

WEDNESDAY April 5: "The Way to Mars," 6 p.m. Soviet Cultural Centre.

FRIDAY April 7: "How to Steal a Million," starring Audrey Hepburn and Peter O'Toole (colour). 5:30 p.m. American Cultural Centre.

FRIDAY April 7: "Rhumba" 6 p.m. Soviet Cultural Centre.

SUNDAY April 9: "Doktor Med Sommer II," 8:30 p.m. German Democratic Republic Cultural Centre.

MONDAY April 10: "He Didn't Want to Kill," 6 p.m. Soviet Cultural Centre.

MONDAY April 10: "Mouchette," a film by R. Bresson 8 p.m. French Cultural Centre. Reservations necessary seven hours before showtime.

## Coming & Going...

Mohammad Dabbas off

to Riyadh this month

AMMAN, April 4 (JNA). — Minister of Finance Dr. Mohammad Dabbas will be going to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, to represent Jordan at the annual meeting of the Arab Bank for Development in Africa due to begin there April 19. Dr. Dabbas will be accompanied by the Executive Director in the Central Bank of Jordan, Mohammad Saleh, during the three-day meeting of the bank.

Dr Touqan returns from

Arabic meet in Riyadh

AMMAN, April 4 (JNA). — Professor of Arabic at the University of Jordan, Dr. Fawwaz Touqan, returned to Amman from Riyadh today after representing the university at the First World Symposium on the Teaching of Arabic in Foreign Countries. He said in a statement that the symposium called on Islamic countries to use Arabic letters in writing their languages instead of Latin letters. The symposium also called for the teaching of Arabic to non-Arab Muslims especially Africans. Dr. Touqan said. The symposium was attended by representatives of 80 Arab and foreign universities and other institutions.

Civil aviation team

heads for home

AMMAN, April 4 (JNA). — The director of the United Nations Civil Aviation Security Centre in Beirut and his accompanying delegation left Amman yesterday after a four-day visit to Jordan. During their stay they met with the director general of civil defence and toured various sections of the Civil Defence Department.

## LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

Jordanian dinar	
Buying/Selling	
U.S. dollar	306.00/308.00
U.K. sterling	571.00/575.00
W. German mark	152.20/153.10
Swiss franc	164.60/165.60
French franc	67.00/67.40
Italian lire (for every 100)	36.00/36.20
Japanese yen (for every 100)	139.80/140.60
Dutch guilder	142.40/143.30
Belgian franc (for every ten)	97.60/98.20
Swedish crown	67.10/67.50

## 147 little reindeer, snow fairies and other delightful creatures will grace the boards of the Palace of Culture Thursday

By Breda Finegan

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, April 4 — Going

to the American Commu-

nity School recently to speak

Mrs. Betty Hijazi about a

thorough programme of Bal-

let and dance which she is

planning to launch. I was lucky

enough to catch a glimpse of

the public will see on

Thursday April 6th at the Pa-

lance of Culture, Al Hussein

city.

Dressed appropriately in bl-

ack leotards, pink tights and

sl worn pink ballet shoes

re 16 or so little girls aged

between six and nine rigoro-

usly going through the pre-

l of one- or two-of the re-

hebbled for this week.

While the girls, under the

ful guidance of Jean Sam-

ra, a fully qualified and ob-

usly dedicated young dan-

ce teacher, practised being

reindeer, snow fairies and oth-

er such delightful creatures,

asked Mrs. Hijazi about the

new.

Under the patronage of Cr-

na Prince Hassan and Prin-

ce Sarvath, the aim of the

duction, she told me, is to

se money for the building

a new occupational train-

ing centre for young retarded

ple in Jordan.

Jordan trained Mrs. Hijazi

classes almost every

at the American school

which are not restricted to students at the school but are open to all between the ages of four and sixteen. She also teaches, as part of the curriculum, girls at the Al-Haytham School.

A total of 146 girls, and one boy, attending classes at both places, are taking part in Thursday's show, which

will include a number of national dances, five character pieces, (one of which will be the maid hanging out the clothes as in "Four and twenty blackbirds...") adaptations of favourite nursery rhymes like "Mary had a little lamb" and a host of other interesting pieces.

The Programme of Ballet and Dance will begin at 5:30 p.m. and last for one and a half hours. It is only showing for one night so make a note in your diary and be sure not to miss what promises to be a very entertaining evening. Tickets, at 500 fils each, are on sale at various bookshops and can also be bought at the door.

## Amman Stock Exchange Report

NAME OF COMPANY	PAR value	Volume traded	Opening price	Closing price
Jordan Petroleum Co.	JD 5.000	3,645	6.600	6.600
Jordan Cement Factories	JD 10.000	1,196	15.600	14.950
Arab Pharmaceutical Co.	JD 5.000	3,948	15.650	15.650
Housing Bank	JD 1.000	1,705	1.100	1.100
Jordan - Kuwait Bank	JD 1.000	984	1.550	1.600
Jordan - Gulf Bank	JD 1.000	10,862	1.050	1.050
Dar Aldawa Development & Investment Co.	JD 1.000	700	2.100	2.000
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1.000	1,312	1.250	1.250
Jordan Dairy Co.	JD 1.000	220	—	1.100
Petra Bank	JD 10.000	440	10.100	10.500
Arab Bank	JD 10.000	30,000	42.000	50.000
Jordan Tanning Co.	JD 5.000	365	7.250	7.300
Total volume traded, Tuesday, April 4				JD 55,377

\* 50 per cent of share capital paid.  
\* 75 per cent of share capital paid.

# JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE

## JORDAN TELEVISION

## BBC RADIO

## AMMAN AIRPORT

## DAMASCUS

### Channel 3 & 6:

8:30 Quran  
8:30 Partridge family  
8:30 Sindbad  
8:30 Thabitha  
9:00 News in Arabic  
9:15 Fall of Eagle  
9:00 News in Arabic  
9:30 Sports and the Youth

### Channel 6:

7:30 News in Hebrew  
7:45 Filler  
8:30 Dad's Army  
9:10 Duchess of Duke street  
10:00 News in English

## RADIO JORDAN

10:00 Sign-on  
10:00 Morning Show  
10:00 News Bulletin  
10:00 Morning Show  
10:00 News Headlines  
10:00 Morning Show  
10:00 Kallia and Dimna  
10:00 Sign-off  
10:00 Sign-on and News Headlines  
10:00 Pop Session  
10:00 News Summary  
10:00 Pop Session  
10:00 News Summary  
10:00 Pop Session

### GMT

05:00 News; 24 Hours  
05:30 Sarah Ward  
05:45 World Today  
06:00 News; Press Review  
06:30 Jazz for the Asking  
07:00 News; 24 Hours  
07:30 Sarah Ward  
07:45 Report on Religion  
08:00 News; Reflections  
08:15 World Radio Club  
08:30 Terry Wogan  
08:00 News; Press Review  
09:15 World Today  
09:30 Financial News  
09:45 Paperbacks  
10:00 Talkabout  
10:30 How to be a Musician  
11:00 News; News about Britain  
11:15 Young Britain  
11:30 Farming World  
12:00 Radio Newsreel  
12:15 Take it or Leave it  
12:45 Sports Round-up  
13:00 News; 24 Hours  
13:30 World Radio Club  
13:45 A Jolly Good Show  
14:30 The Blood

### 15:00

Radio Newsreel  
15:15 Outlook  
16:00 News; Commentary  
16:15 Academy of St. Martin  
16:45 World Today  
17:00 News; Book Choice  
17:15 Discovery  
17:45 Sports Round-up  
18:00 News; News about Britain  
18:15 Radio Newsreel  
18:30 Top Twenty  
19:00 Outlook; News Summary  
19:39 Stock Market Report  
19:45 Golan Treasury  
20:00 News; 24 Hours  
20:30 Meet the Composer  
21:00 Report on Religion  
21:15 Wales and the Welsh  
22:00 News; World Today  
22:25 Financial News  
22:35 Book Choice; Reflections  
22:45 Sports Round-up  
23:00 News; Commentary  
23:05 World Radio Club  
23:30 Matthew on Music

## VOICE OF AMERICA

### GMT

03:00 The Breakfast Show  
to on the hour and 28 min.  
06:30 after each hour.  
08:30 Regional and Topical  
09:45 Paperbacks  
17:00 News  
17:15 This Week  
17:30 Press Conference USA  
18:00 Special English, News/

Words and their Stories, Feature: Short Stories, News Summary.  
18:30 Country Music USA  
19:00 News and Topical Reports  
19:15 Letters from Listeners  
19:30 New York, New York  
20:00 Special English, News/ Words and their Stories, Feature: Short Stories, News Summary.  
20:15 Music USA (Jazz)  
06:00 GMT: News, rises

### Arrivals:

7:50 Cairo (EA)  
7:55 Dhahran, Kuwait  
8:00 Damascus  
8:10 Dhahran (AZ)  
8:25 Muscat, Doha (RJ-GF)  
9:00 Jeddah  
9:50 Aqaba  
10:35 Larnaca (CY)  
11:15 Beirut  
11:30 Kuwait (KAC)  
16:50 Jeddah (SDI)  
17:15 Amsterdam, Geneva  
17:30 Benghazi, Athens  
17:45 Jeddah  
18:45 Cairo  
20:00 Beirut (MEA)  
21:15 Frankfurt, Munich, Damascus (LH)  
21:35 London (BA)  
01:00 Rome (AZ)

### Departures:

05:00 Damascus  
8:00 Aqaba  
8:45 Beirut (MEA)  
8:55 Cairo (EA)  
9:00 Beirut  
9:00 Rome (AZ)  
10:15 Athens, Amsterdam (KLM)  
10:30 Athens, Benghazi  
11:20 Larnaca (CY)  
12:30 Kuwait (KAC)  
13:00 Jeddah  
13:00 Cairo  
18:15 Jeddah (SDI)  
20:00 Abu Dhabi, Dubai (RJ-GF)  
22:30 Kuwait, Dhahran  
22:35 Rawalpindi (BA)  
01:55 Dhahran (AZ)

## CULTURAL CENTRES

American Centre	Tel. 41520
British Council	" 36147-8
French Cultural Centre	" 37009
Goethe Institute	" 41893
Soviet Cultural Centre	" 44203
Amman Municipal Library	" 36111

## USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Ambulance (government)	Tel. 75111
Civil defence rescue	" 24391-4
Fire headquarters	" 22090
Firstaid, fire, police	" 19
Jordan Electric Power Co. (emergency)	" 36381-2
Municipal water service (emergency)	" 37111-3
Police headquarters	" 39141
Najdeh roving patrol rescue police, (English spoken) 24 hours a day for emergency help	" 21111, 37777
Airport information (Alia)	" 55205

## Cultural Centres

Al Hamra Theatre	Tel. 226-448
Al Sha'b Art Gallery	" 228-527
American Centre	" 552-362
Arab Cultural Centre	" 333-727
Deutscher Demokratischer Republik Cultural Centre	" 332-932
French Cultural Centre	" 330-694
Kabbani Theatre	" 222-016
National Museum	" 114-854
Soviet Cultural Centre	" 225-650
Spanish Cultural Centre	" 334-908
Urnina Art Gallery	" 334-619
Zahariya Public Library	" 111-318

## Useful telephone numbers

(Damascus)

Ambulance (government)	Tel. 90
Chamber of Commerce	" 118-339
Electric Power Co. (repair)	" 223-987
Fire headquarters	" 91
Information	" 95/97
Municipal water service	" 113-500
Time (in Arabic)	" 90

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Sukkar Pharmacy — Downtown	Silver Market — 5th Circle
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Lulus Pharmacy — Intercontinental Hotel	

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# EEC members approve new credit terms for sales to poor nations

LUXEMBOURG, April 4 (AP). — Governments of the nine Common Market countries today approved new terms for government-guaranteed credits, under an accord with the United States and other big exporters, on the sale of goods especially to the poorer countries of the world. The object of the pact is to prevent the sellers from bidding against one another for business by offering lower interest rates and easier terms.

Minimum rates range from 7.25 per cent a year on two to five year credits for the poorer countries to eight per cent for the relatively rich when they pay over periods of five to eight and a half years. Creditor countries have agreed not to disclose which countries are considered as belonging to different categories. These are based on the average production of a country's citizens. The industrialised countries are obviously the richest, the communist countries

are considered "intermediate" and the former colonial areas are the poor. Cash payments must amount to 15 per cent and the minimum credits are to be for ten years.

Terms of the agreement were negotiated in Paris in February. They went into effect officially on April 1.

Meanwhile Danish Foreign Minister K. B. Andersen, speaking for his Common Market colleagues, set five priorities for improving the economic situation, EEC sources said.

The five points were measured to fight unemployment, reducing energy imports, combating protectionist tendencies, restructuring industry and giving developing countries more aid.

EEC sources quoted Mr. Andersen as saying the nine agreed on the main themes and believed they should examine the community's problems in the wider context of the whole Western industrialised world, particularly Japan and the United States.

## Israeli labour unrest grounds El Al Airlines

TEL AVIV, April 4 (R). — Israel's El Al national airline was grounded this morning when maintenance men and administration clerks held union meetings during working hours.

Flights were expected to begin taking off at mid-day. Elsewhere in the country's troubled labour scene a two-day strike by newspaper journalists ended, but radio and television journalists remained on strike over pay demands.

Shipping sources said the country's longest-running strike, a seven-week-old stoppage by merchant seamen, appeared close to settlement, but teachers threatened to walk out tomorrow to back pay demands.

The El Al employees denied they were on strike, saying they met this morning to discuss a management letter advising them that collective labour contracts were cancelled from last Saturday.

From that date, every worker should regard himself as bound by a personal contract with management, the letter said.

The El Al management has for years been trying to bring about an end to negotiations with eight separate works committees seeking wages parity with each other.

## Bahrain to invite bids for causeway bridge in November

BAHRAIN, April 4 (R). — Bids for the construction of a \$1 billion 24 km. causeway bridge linking this Gulf island state with the Saudi Arabian mainland will be invited in November, a senior Bahraini official was quoted as saying here today.

The Director of the works at the Ministry of Works, Water and Power, Mr. Ali Murad, said. The proposed bridge, which consists of 12 kms. of bridges and 10 kms. of causeways, would be completed in 1983.

# IRA likely to affect Irish decision on nuclear power

By Jeremy Bugler

LONDON (F.T.) — Ireland, one of only a handful of European countries which do not generate some electricity using nuclear power, is thinking about joining the nuclear club.

The Irish government will decide shortly whether to go ahead with a plan to build its first nuclear power station. A site has already been chosen on the most south-easterly corner of the island, Carnsore Point in rural County Wexford. Desmond O'Malley, the government minister who will be responsible for the decision, has already made it clear this year that he thinks a nuclear reactor is just what Ireland needs. Supporting him, delegates at last month's annual conference on Flannan Fall, the ruling party, defeated an anti-nuclear motion by a large majority.

### Nuclear controversy

But if Ireland is coming late into the nuclear age, she's not lagging in the matter of nuclear controversy. Already two opposition parties, including the principal one, Fine Gael, have called for a full

A public debate is beginning on whether Ireland should build her first nuclear reactor for electricity generation. Some experts doubt the need for a reactor, while other opponents are likely to raise the spectre of the IRA.

public inquiry before Ireland's Electricity Supply Board orders a £400,000 reactor. Local councillors and farmers in County Wexford do not all take to the notion of a reactor on their doorstep, and the latter columns of the Irish Times are moving onto matters nuclear. The first Irish anti-nuclear demonstrations are being planned.

Ireland's nuclear opponents see help coming from two unlikely quarters: Dr. Edward Teller, nuclear physicist extraordinary, and the IRA. Dr. Teller, known as the "Father of the H-Bomb" and a prominent nuclear advocate, said at the recent EEC hearings on nuclear power in Brussels that there was no case for an Irish reactor.

His reasoning rests on the size of Ireland's generating network — the country has a total installed capacity of only 2,540 megawatts and a peak load of only 1,800MW. Nuclear planners use a rule of thumb that no generating unit should contribute more than 10 per cent of total output. A breakdown in a unit responsible for perhaps 20 per cent of output could throw the whole generating system into chaos, with widespread blackouts.

But Ireland is considering buying a 650MW reactor, either a light water reactor from Westinghouse of America or KWU of Germany, or a heavy water CANDU reactor from Canada. Clearly a 650MW reactor is going to be out of scale in a 2,500MW system.

Ireland's nuclear and electricity advocates counter Dr. Teller by saying that in twelve years' time — the period it would take to build the reactor — installed capacity would be up to 5,500MW to cope with rising demand. Then Ireland's first reactor would only be slightly out of scale.

### Peat bogs not bottomless

This fault, argues Mr. O'Malley, is slight beside Ireland's pressing need — a secure source of energy. Ireland relies heavily on imported oil, which fuels 66 per cent of her electricity generation. Her peat-fired power stations, once the joke of Europe's generating men, contribute a useful 25 per cent and hydro-electricity eight per cent. The remaining one per cent is generated from low-quality coal.

Mr. O'Malley is fond of pointing out that his country's peat bogs are not bottomless, the hydro sites are all exploited and oil is running out, so it comes down to imported

fuel in one form or another. He told a Limerick audience that coal was messy and likely to get more expensive. So he is left with the nuclear option.

A few energy specialists in Ireland, such as Dr. Robert Blackith of Trinity College Dublin, argue with this line of thought. Dr. Blackith believes there is no case for a rising electricity demand, for Ireland could do more with less electricity. He says Ireland's energy conservation is non-existent. Many Irish homes use electricity wastefully for heating and cooking, and he points out that even today houses in Dublin are being built without cavity walls that can be insulated.

### Determining factor

But the IRA may prove a determining factor. A nuclear reactor in Ireland could give a new dimension to terrorism there. The IRA have shown themselves capable of blowing up electricity installations and major industrial targets. Irish politicians are just becoming aware of the problems they could face if IRA men got control of a reactor building and threatened to damage it unless, for instance, prisoners held in Port Laoise prison were released.

The reactor would in time produce plutonium, either contained in stored nuclear waste or in a pure form after the waste is reprocessed, and there is always the danger of an extremist organisation obtaining fissionable material by stealth or force.

So far Mr. O'Malley, an adroit politician, is avoiding this issue. The nearest he has got to it is to talk about nuclear dangers and soothe his listeners: "The fact is that there are dangers in almost everything we do. It is impossible to live in an accident-free or danger-free world."

Whether Irishmen will accept this assurance or consider that a nuclear reactor poses dangers of a different order may become clear during 1978, when a public hearing on the Irish nuclear power plan is likely to be held.

— Financial Times News-Features

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON, (R). — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies against the dollar at the close of interbank trading on the London foreign exchange market last night. Tourist rates will differ from those quoted below.

One sterling	1.8685/95	U.S. dollars
One dollar	2.0185/0200	West German marks
	2.1595/1615	Dutch guilders
	1.8715/45	Swiss francs
	31.61/63	Belgian francs
	4.5725/75	French francs
	850.25/851.00	Italian lire
	218.60/80	Japanese yen
	4.5660/75	Swedish crowns
	5.3420/80	Norwegian crowns
	5.5695/5715	Danish crowns

## LONDON MARKET REPORT

Prices closed quietly firm Tuesday with long-dated government stocks maintaining earlier gains of around 1/2 point despite the fall in the currency reserves, dealers said.

Continuing optimism ahead of British banking figures was cited for the firmer tone in gilts. Leading industrial bonds were mostly 3p to 7p higher, following the lead of government bonds but some issues closed slightly below the day's highs. At 15:00, the F.T. index was up 5.7 at 4682.

Mining shares recovered much of earlier falls as the bullion price rallied at the afternoon fixing.

GKN closed a penny easier after fluctuating narrowly ahead of results, while other engineering firms were steady to firm.

Among leaders, ICI closed off the top with a 2p rise after being 4p up, while Fisons met selective demand in this market conditions and rose 12p to around 347p. Ocean Transport and Trading gained 2 1/2p on further consideration of yesterday's results and J. Lyons eased a penny after the company said third quarter results were below expectations.

Australians and Canadians were mixed as the investment dollar premium gained ground.

Price of gold closed in London Tuesday at \$180.50/oz.

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**GENERAL TENDENCIES:** Confusion exists on just how you can best attend to various duties. Try to work out a course of action before starting on them. Later, you have considerable energy and are able to see all kinds of interesting things you then are able to do.

**ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)** Consult with a wise adviser and follow through on suggestions given you. Make this a productive period.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)** Know what your personal aims are and plan how best to gain them. Then carry through in a positive manner. Join with friends for a delightful time together.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 21)** A good time to think about civic affairs. A bigwig can be most helpful if you handle this person tactfully.

**MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21)** Think over any changes you want to make in the days ahead and be sure of what you are doing. Making new contacts who can be of assistance to you is wise. Curb your temper.

**LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21)** Be more practical now and get affairs handled intelligently instead of being so dramatic. Evening can be delightful with a loved one.

**VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22)** Meet with partners and make revisions to contracts now and have greater success in the future. Spend only within your budget.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)** Get into all that work ahead of you and derive benefits from it. Take care of health problems. This will raise your spirits.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)** Plan early the amusements you want most for a later time. Get your talents working nicely so that others will appreciate them, give you the support you need.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)** Try to please family more and have more harmony. Handle minor matters. Do some entertaining at home.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)** Gather data you need in order to gain your finest objectives. Then make out reports, handle correspondence, legal papers, etc.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)** Get right down to financial matters and put new ideas aside for the time being. If you have any doubts, consult an expert and get good advice.

**PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20)** Get busy at work ahead of you and show your finest magnetic qualities to bigwigs. Add to prestige, also.

# Tropospheric scatter system reaches the unreachable places

By Dermot McKeone

LONDON (LPS). — The installation of a telephone link would seem to be simple enough — very often simply a matter of stringing a pair of telephone wires between two communities. But there are times when it is rather more complicated, and when it is not even possible to make a connection by conventional radio.

There could be many reasons. In the first instance, of course, there might be a vast area of ocean between an island community and the mainland. Less obviously, the land separating two communities might be so difficult that erecting the necessary telephone poles would cause severe technical problems.

Efficient and economical

In many cases the problem is solved by substituting a radio link for telephone wires. But

this only works satisfactorily if the local geographical and atmospheric conditions are right, and sometimes the quality of the signal, and hence the conversation, is rather poor. But fortunately there are other techniques that make it possible for isolated communities to keep in touch with each other efficiently and reasonably cheaply.

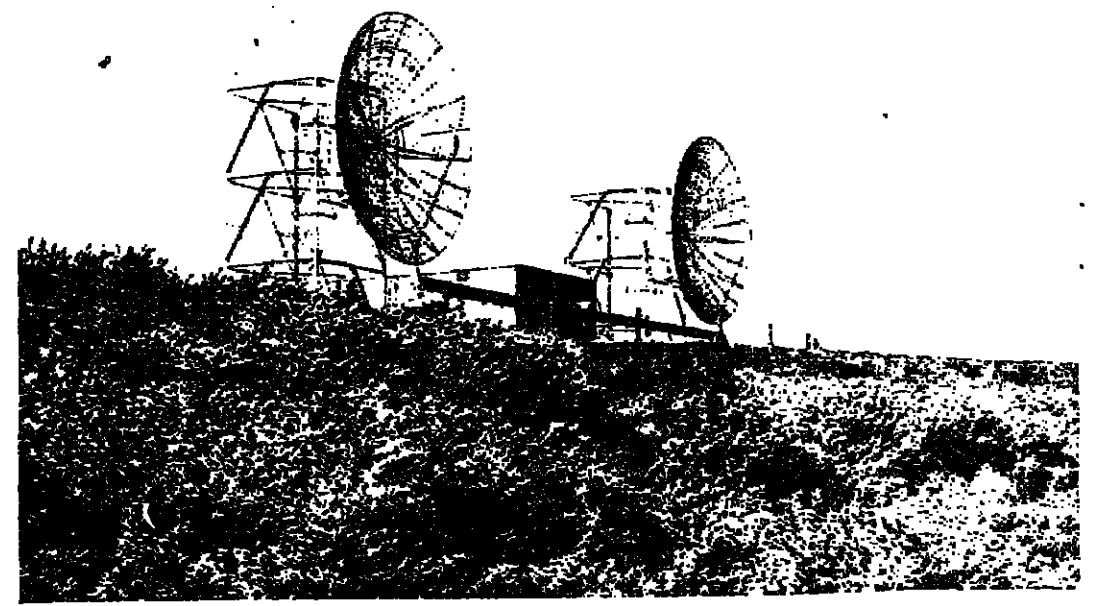
One of these is the tropospheric scatter system. It uses a very narrow beam of radio waves which are aimed at the sky just over the point to be communicated with. The beam is "bent" over the horizon by changes in the atmosphere, and scattered, some of the radio waves returning to earth to be picked up by the receiver station. The system is highly reliable, gives a good quality signal, and — when the costs of the alternatives are considered — it can be very economical. Tropospheric equipment is made in Britain by the Marconi Company.

The strengths of the tropospheric scatter equipment were clearly demonstrated during flooding in Bangladesh. The floods had wrecked important telephone lines between key points, and the rescue services were being seriously hampered by the breakdown in communications. A "tropo" system was hurriedly erected by the authorities, and the vital links were restored.

Nor is the system used only in emergencies. In the West Indies, the island of Barbados is connected with the regional communications network by a tropo link between Barbados and St. Lucia — a distance of well over 160 kms.

80 simultaneous calls

However, it would be wrong to assume that tropospheric scatter is the answer to all communications problems. For a start, the equipment usually is designed to handle as many as



Tropospheric scatter aerials at Brimmon Hill in northeast Scotland mark the shore station of the communications link with one of the major North Sea oil fields. The equipment, made by Marconi, is used to transmit ordinary telephone calls and computerised data.

80 telephone calls at once, and it would be beyond the financial reach of most village communities. Some versions are even larger. Marconi makes a 132 channel version for busier routes, and the Barbados installation can carry up to 240 simultaneous calls.

But the equipment operates satisfactorily over a very wide range. It is particularly competitive between 160 kms. and about 725 kms. At greater distances satellite communication comes into its own.

One important development in Britain illustrates the versa-

tility of tropospheric scatter. It is used extensively by the North Sea oil and gas industry to enable offshore rigs to communicate with mainland Britain. Everything from personal telephone calls to computerised data flows back and forth along the tropo channels.

# Your cup of tea: Producers and consumers try for international agreement on pricing

By Peter D. O'Neill

LONDON (F.T.). — The British Price Commission's proposal that tea on shop shelves be reduced by up to five pence a quarter has again pushed tea into the headlines and highlighted the plight and problems of producer nations.

The findings of the commission suggest both producers and consumers have a common interest in trying to even out price fluctuations. It is a point which the commodity producing developing countries have long been pressing for — and not just for tea. It comes at a timely moment because the tea exporting and importing countries are trying to establish an international "tea agreement." According to tea experts in London, if all goes well, it could be in force within 18 months to two years.

Organisation (FAO) and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) have been asked to prepare a report on the feasibility of establishing buffer stocks of tea to even out damaging world market fluctuations.

June meeting

Countries involved in the tea trade are to meet in June at UNCTAD and if the report is acceptable, the buffer stock scheme would provide the basis for a full international tea agreement.

Among the objectives of such an agreement, apart from buffer stocks, would be intensive promotion of tea and the gradual elimination of trade barriers in the commodity. Particular attention would also be paid to imports of packaged tea and products from developing countries and

Once again the countries who drink tea are trying to get together with those who produce it to work out an international tea agreement. It is particularly critical for the producing countries: after all, the overseas consumer may be able to do without his tea, but the small-holder who grows it cannot stop living until the next good harvest.

the needs of the smallholder grower would also be catered for.

However, the key to the success of any international tea agreement appears to lie with the developing countries. There are differences of approach between the Asian and African producers. India and Sri Lanka are the biggest tea exporters in the world, but several African countries, with Kenya as spokesman, are

growing fast and want to be regarded as equals when it comes to deciding how the world market should be arranged. Smaller exporters like Indonesia and Bangladesh want to protect their place.

African countries, including Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania, Uganda and Mozambique, pushed up their tea exports to 139,000 tons in 1976 from about 102,000 in 1970. The Asian countries, excluding China,

increased their export sales from 433,000 to 509,000 in the same period. Kenya's own exports during these years went from 34,000 tons to 59,000.

Britain buys most

As far as imports go, Britain is dominant, with imports of 200,000 tons in 1976, about 45 per cent of the tea consumed by developed countries.

The exporting countries were unable to agree on a minimum price system in 1975 and their working party was unable to make any recommendation because of a conflict of interest between the African and Asian groups. Kenya went as far as to refuse to attend early meetings, but has now come round to participating.

The importing countries have been sitting on the sidelines, according to one British government spokesman on tea. They are waiting for the producers to settle their own differences. The British government however believes it has been as active as possible in pursuing the idea of a tea agreement and put forward a draft for one in April 1976. According to FAO statistics, world tea production in 1976 was 1,286,000 tons. Of that total, 1,096,000 tons were produced by developing countries. Of exports of 758,000 tons, all but 75,000 tons were from the developing world.

Soaring prices

Soaring prices in late 1976 were the latest in a series of difficulties which have beset the tea market. Production over the previous three years had only half kept up with world demand. Coffee was rocketing in price too. As British blenders saw people turning more to tea they bought massive stocks of tea in early 1977. At the London auctions, prices went from 98 pence a kilo in September 1976 to 270 pence a kilo in March 1977. Then they fell to 100 pence a kilo around May. The Price Commission estimates that tea blenders more than doubled their aggregate net profits between 1976 and 1977 and that some middlemen increased their net profit to almost 60 per cent of total income.

For all the 1976 price rise, tea's problem was that it was

left out of the previous world commodity boom. In 1970 world trade in tea was worth about \$493 m. in export value to the producing countries. In 1975 it had risen to \$799 m. and in 1976, \$819 m.

An international agreement would try to smooth out the fluctuations in the world market and try to make sure that in lean and good production years neither the consumer nor the producers suffer.

The small producer is the most vulnerable. If prices drop too far his livelihood is threatened. If there is a bad crop the smallholder again suffers because he has less to sell. In the final analysis the overseas consumer may be able to do without his tea, but the smallholder cannot stop living until the next good harvest.

India exports most

The exporting countries also have to meet their own market demands. India not only exports the most tea, it consumes the most as a nation — 287,000 tons of it in 1976 or about 56 per cent of home production. But if they drank individually as much as the British, there would probably be no Indian tea for export. So the aim is to set up a stable and regulated market, with buffer stocks to iron out the highs or lows.

There have been agreements before. The first was in 1933, an attempt to restore equilibrium between world supply and demand after a period of declining prices owing to substantially increased supplies and a slump in demand caused by the world depression.

But it was not until the seventies that the producers and importers got together seriously to try to adopt a specific overall approach to international cooperation on tea.

If there are to be tea quotas as well as the buffer stocks, producing countries have to agree among themselves how they are to be decided and how they should be observed. Similarly, they will have to be ready to trust each other on minimum prices and not try to undercut the market to get a bigger share when there is a tea surplus.

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